

WASHINGTON - Today, Congressman John W. Olver (D-MA) reintroduced House legislation to fight global warming. Republican and Democratic House members sponsoring the Climate Stewardship Act stood together in a news conference. Olver announced the House bill today together with Congressman Wayne Gilchrest (R-MD) and other cosponsors. Olver said, "Now is the time for bold leadership at the federal level. The market-based emissions trading program in the bill will save money and encourage innovation through a flexible trading mechanism, while ensuring that we meet our climate goals. Last fall, the Arctic Council released the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment which concluded that the Arctic is warming faster than anywhere else on the planet. Olver said, "The findings of the Arctic assessment further illustrate the urgency with which we must pursue action on global warming. Scientists say global warming is caused mainly by carbon dioxide emitted from the burning of fossil fuels. Global warming is a real concern for Massachusetts and citizens in the First District. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, in the next century, Massachusetts could see a temperature increase of 5 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit. A United Nations Environmental Program report notes that low-lying ski resorts, like those in Massachusetts,

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